

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In the Matter of

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Docket No.: A 2017-1

Grand Island, NE 68802
Post Office State ZIP Code

Hall County Board of Supervisors Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Grand Island post office. The Final Determination was posted May 11, 2017.
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's Final Determination on the basis of the Administrative Record before the Postal Service in the making of the Final Determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages 1 and 3 of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

See Attached



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June 9, 2017

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Honorable Members of the Postal Regulatory Commission:

While we understand the Postal Service's desire to save money by relocating all service to the mail processing plant, we request you reverse the USPS final decision and instruct the USPS to do a feasibility study on the impact to Grand Island.

The United States Post office has made a decision to consolidate the Grand Island downtown post office with a local processing facility located miles away from the present location. Presently that facility has no retail window or box section. Therefore extensive remodeling would be necessary to meet the basic needs of our community.

The Hall County Board of Supervisors in behalf of our constituents feels that by taking this action the United States Post Office is not living up to the Postal Reorganization Act which requires the Postal Service to provide adequate service to communities. The new location is six miles away from the present downtown location. The entire east side as well as the central area of our community is essentially denied Postal Service if considering accessibility to purchase stamps, money orders, box service, and receive accountable mail.

Our community is virtually without public transportation and therefore most people on the east side of our community who presently walk or ride bicycles to the downtown location would be left to travel an additional 6 miles or more just to access postal service. There are no sidewalks or avenues of safe travel for that distance making the trip extremely unsafe - actually dangerous.

In addition, the business and government community which is located in the downtown area presently, has box service and sends and receives large numbers of accountable mail daily. The new location, if it provided these services, would create a time restraint and add significantly to the inefficiency of these agencies. We simply ask that the Postal Service obey statute and do a feasibility study before making a final decision on consolidation of all operations into one facility.

In addition we are asking as a community to have a presence in the downtown area. A location that could provide the box service and the availability of local business and residence to purchase stamps, money orders and receive accountable mail. Our community, regardless of their economic means deserves access to mail service. Many patrons are elderly and lower income for whom the trek to the western edge of the city will be impossible or nearly impossible. Thank you for your attention to and concern for our rural community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela E. Lancaster".

Pamela E. Lancaster
Chair – Hall County Board of Supervisors

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